

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 18-21, 28, 45, 46 and 50-53 have been allowed. Nonelected Claims 12-15, 22-27 and 47-49 have been cancelled. The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm the allowance of Claims 45 and 46 which were omitted from the Office Action Summary, but are indicated as allowable on page 2 of the Official Action.

Formal Matters

The Applicants have cancelled the nonelected claims. Accordingly, this application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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